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WHEN LABOUR RULES.

STAMPING OUT EMBERS OF WARS.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S HIGH AIM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 8.

Addressing a Labour demonstration at the Albert Hall Mr. Ramsay Macdonald declared: "We are not going to take office in order to prepare for a general election but in order to do work. If capital flees from the country when we come into power the panic-mongers will be responsible and not the Labour party."

Continuing, Mr. Macdonald said: "We want to go into office with a broad foot and a big heel to stamp out the embers existing in every capital which a fresh blowing wind will scatter over the inflammable material in Europe and start a fresh war so that whether we are in office six months or six years or six decades there shall be no fires in any corner of the world capable of being fanned into a great flame and involve the whole world in a new war."

The pompous folly of standing aloof from the Russian Government will be ended. The pinpricks, misunderstandings and irritations between France and ourselves are absolutely deplorable and unworthy of both countries. It will be a great thing if it is possible to put them behind us and establish with France, Italy, Russia, Germany and Czechoslovakia and all the peoples of all nations an understanding—not a rivalry of military forces—but an understanding of human men and women who have no cause for enmity.

"ONE STEP ENOUGH FOR ME."

The Albert Hall had a packed audience. In the intervals there was great singing of labour songs like, "England arise, the long night is o'er." They cheered several minutes when Mr. Macdonald rose to speak. He opened by admitting that as a party they were idealists who built habitations away on the horizon but "we are not going to jump there. We are going to walk there. One step is enough for me, provided it leads to the next step." He believed the Labour Party occupying Downing Street and staffing the Government was the one thing required to give strength to morally courageous, and power to their peace forces in all sections of Europe and emphasised their intention to the complete structure of the League and to use it with-out reserve as the main instrument to secure international justice.

Mr. Macdonald desired the resumption of relations with Russia, not because he agreed with what the Russian Government had done. "That is not our business. I want trade, I want negotiations, I want a settlement from the coasts of Japan to the coasts of Ireland. If I have to protest against what is being done in Afghanistan, how can I protest without channels thereof?" He foreshadowed a scientific scheme dealing with unemployment, at the root of which lay lower purchasing power for the mass of consumers. He painted a gloomy picture of the housing conditions and said they were prepared to give any guarantee to facilitate maximum production of houses while "if trusts, monopolies, and corners stand in the way, we shall break them." (loud and prolonged cheers). He concluded by explaining that his speech was not meant to be a programme speech, but aimed at illustrating the spirit of the Labour Government if it comes to power.

DUNLOP RUBBER COMPANY.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

LONDON, January 8.

A resolution of confidence in the Directors was passed at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the Dunlop Rubber Company held at the Cannon Street Hotel. Sir Eric Geddes, presiding, said the finding of the Committee of Investigation was that out of a loss of £8,320,000 shown on the balance-sheet on August 31, 1921, £7,769,000 was accounted for, including £3,569,000 written off stocks and £822,000 loss on rubber sold during the year while £550,000 is unaccounted for. The Directors' conclusions raised the gravest issues in view of the issue of writs by Sir Arthur Ducros, Mr. Alfred Ducros and Mr. George Ducros to establish their agreements with the Company. He advised the issue of five writs covering ten names. These writs had been issued except one or two where the individuals concerned had made tentative offers of settlement without prejudice. The accounts for the eighteen months ended December 31 last would probably show a profit of £1,250,000. The Company's business had now reached such a state of stability that the Board intended to submit to the shareholders proposals for the reorganisation of capital. Sir Arthur Ducros said the losses were made after his total severance from the management of the Company.

HOME RAILWAY WAGES.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT.

At the close of an all-day meeting of the executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, it was officially announced that in view of the overwhelming majority, namely 6 to 1 against acceptance of the Wages Board's award the Executive had decided to request the general managers of the railways to meet them and discuss the position with a view to its improvement.

COMMONS MEETS AGAIN.

LABOURITES JEER MR. BALDWIN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 8.

The Commons opened with a crowded attendance and an atmosphere of lively anticipation though to-day's business was formal. The East-end Labourites arrived escorted by charabancs filled with partisans who followed the City en route with rattles and cheering and the singing of "The Red Flag." Lady Terrington, the first woman to appear, was attired in black trimmed with white and frequently surveyed the ladies' gallery with a tortoiseshell lorgnette. The women Labourites entered without hats which is unprecedented. Mrs. Philipson was the only Conservative woman present. Mr. Baldwin received Labour jeers and cries of "He is back again." Mr. Ramsay Macdonald received an ovation from his supporters. In Mr. Asquith's absence, owing to a chill, Mr. Lloyd George took Mr. Asquith's place and engaged Mr. Macdonald in conversation. There were some derisive Labour cries when Mr. Macdonald joined Mr. Baldwin in procession in obedience to the Black Rod's summons to the Lords to hear the King's request to elect a speaker.

SPEAKER RE-ELECTED.

On the motion of Sir W. E. Hume Williams seconded by Mr. J. O'Grady, the Commons re-elected as Speaker Mr. Whitley, who said they were meeting under new circumstances but he was a believer in this old House of Commons and whatever the new circumstances might be, he believed they would find a way to solve them in the Commons as the wisdom of our ancestors had built it up. Mr. Baldwin, who was loudly cheered by the Ministerialists, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. T. P. O'Connor congratulated Mr. Whitley, after which the House adjourned.

NAVAL PROBLEMS.

BASE AT THE CAPE?

LONDON, January 8.

In a leader of its Naval Correspondent's contention that the project for developing a great naval base at the Cape as an alternative to Singapore is strategically useless but that the Cape route eastward would be enormously important if passage through the Mediterranean is denied Britain in a future war, the Daily News says the official conclusion seems to be that the Cape should be provided with great dockyard facilities in order to accommodate the largest battleships, but if British battleships are to be excluded from the Mediterranean in the event of war in Europe, what use would they be at the Cape or at all? It suggests that the right solution of the problem is not to spend millions on a naval base thousands of miles away, but to build the kind of vessel able to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and squarely face the enemy.

BRITISH TRADE WITH HOLLAND.

EXHIBITION AT AMSTERDAM.

LONDON, January 8.

An All-British Exhibition opens at Amsterdam on January 10 for a month. It has been organised by Dutch merchants interested in the recovery of British trade and it is supported by Lord Kysant and the British Chambers of Commerce. The main object is to encourage British trade in Holland and the East Indies.

FALL OF THE FRANC.

DUTCH SPECULATOR EXPELLED.

Paris, January 8.

The minister of the Interior has signed a decree ordering expulsion of a Dutch exchange speculator on a charge of spreading alarmist reports a regards the fall of the Franc.

FINANCE MINISTER'S SCHEME.

PARIS, January 8.

The Finance Minister, M. Lasterrie, has submitted a scheme to the Cabinet aiming at countering the fall of the franc. The scheme comprises, firstly, a more rigorous police regulation to suppress the campaign favouring the sale of Government securities; secondly, a revised system of quotation on the Bourse; thirdly, the weeding out of undesirable and heterogeneous frequenters of the Exchange Market; fourthly, a stricter supervision of bankers, exchange operations and fifthly, to endeavour to check the practice of certain exporters in leaving foreign money abroad.

RUM RUNNING SEIZURE.

BRITAIN SEEKS INFORMATION.

WASHINGTON, January 8.

The British Embassy has filed a request for information in regard to the seizure of the British schooner "Kwasing" by the United States authorities at Wilmington (North Carolina) after the vessel, which was carrying intoxicating liquors, had put in for repairs. It is believed that the Embassy's action is a preliminary to a formal protest as in the cases of the "Tomaku" and "Island Home."

(Other new cables will be found on page 8.)

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1924.

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1.—In the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon,
Road and Lower Levels, and in
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

MINIBUS.

Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10
Quarter hour..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Every subsequent hour..... 40
If the minibuses be engaged
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City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
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With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
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Half hour..... 20 " 40
One hour..... 30 " 60
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With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 " 40
Half hour..... 30 " 60
One hour..... 40 " 80
Every subsequent hour..... 50 " 100

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J. Button Hongkong Club, from
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Uyilipen, from Amoy.
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Shanghai.
Kwong Loong Mon Mow Mow, from
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N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.
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M. E. F. AIRY,
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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At a hotel at Nimmitabel (N.S.W.)
is a black crow which can talk as
well as some human beings. In
the early morning he sits over the
bar door and on seeing the mail-
man preparing for his long trip
calls out, "Come and have a drink."
He then enters the bar and calls,
"Two long beer, please." If mugs
are left on the counter, he will
drain the leavings until he is quite
drunk, and then ask to be put to
bed to sleep it off. —W. P. T.

THE FLYING FLINT.

It happened in the Western
District the other day. Near a
haystack there was a grindstone.
Some boys were amusing them-
selves pelting stones at the latter.
It made a quick bonfire. —Smoke.

THREE WEDDING MARCHES.

I know a charming little West
Australian who was married at 17,
a mother at 18, divorced at 19, re-
married at 21, widowed at 22, mar-
ried again at 24, is now 30, and
looks about the age at which the
feminine sex is irresistible. —Deli.

SAMPLEMANIA.

Came across an old age pen-
sioner in a hut near Boorowa
(N.S.W.) whose hobby was collect-
ing free samples of all sorts. After
40 years of it he had a large shed
stacked from top to bottom. One
day the old fellow returned to find
the hut had been burnt down. The
stock killed him. —Caloola.

BREEZY.

A recent matrimonial advertise-
ment in the "West Australian".
"Young man, 24, would like meet
refined young lady, about same
age, with view to above. Must be
one used to sleeping on cyclone
beds."

BE CLEAN.

When it comes to advertising, an
Orange chemist believes in clean
methods. He displays a cake of
soap in his window, together with
a card bearing the inscription:
"Veray is cheaper than dirt."

IT CAME TRUE.

Slogan advertising does not
always pay. A Melbourne mercer
had his shop placarded with:
"Watch Our Windows." "Why
Wear Shabby Hats?" "Every-
thing MUST be cleared." Unfor-
tunately for him, the looting mob
took his word for it.

GOING ONE BETTER.

A suburban draper filled his
window with men's braces, insert-
ing a large ticket: "Snaps at
2/11." A rival opposite dressed
his window with similar articles,
and announced on a large sign:
"These Braces Are Not SNAPS!"
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multitudes of parasites exude
from the pores of the skin.
These include cysts, and fungi
of all kinds. It is obvious, says
Dr. Bolton, that soap and
water do not destroy the
creatures—Cable.

I wish that I didn't know things
that I do!

I thought I was lonely, but, Lord,
I'm a zoo!

Religion had failed me, but still I
had hope

"Till Science derided my water
and soap.

Water and soap!
How can I cope
With "fungi" and "cysts" with-
out water and soap?

It may be correct, but it's terribly
rude

To tell me the sort of wild beasts I
"exude."

I'm a slum and a jungle! So wild
is my skin,

I ought to be pickled and packed
in a tin.

Packed in a tin!
Well soldered in!
All on account of this wonderful
skin.

True.

CATCHING THE DOG-EATER.

While a lad was swimming his
dog from the jetty steps in a small
South Australian bay a huge shark
seized the dog and dined. An
electrician engaged in telephone
repairs, with the assistance of an
old fisherman, fixed up a bait, con-
sisting of a sheep's pluck and a
dynamometer attached to a wire.
Directly the bait was thrown over
the monster snapped it, and the
battery was turned on. Whether
it was the result of the explosion or
the sudden jump of the shark, the
next moment the monster landed on
the jetty steps in such a way that its
battered head became jammed be-
tween the steps and was held fast
until a rope was slipped around it.
—J.A.

WRECKWOOD STEEDS.

Some years ago, at Glenelg
(S.A.), a visiting merry-go-round
proprietor had his wooden horses
on the beach, when a joker remark-
ed: "Don't you think it's cruel to
leave these horses without food and
exposed to the cold all night?"
"Mind your own business!"
growled the testy owner. That
night all the wooden steeds were
carted to the town pound and left
there. —L.V.

LUCKY HALF-CROWN.

In the factory in which I worked
previous to the war, was a labourer
who used to borrow and forget to
repay. But once, to everybody's
surprise, he repaid me half-a-
crown. I decided to keep it as a
memento and punched my initials
and the date (1918) on one side.
Subsequently, at a two-up school
at Broadmeadows Camp in 1919, I
went broke. I made a last bet

with my memento and lost. In
Wareham Camp (Eng.), two years
later, after going broke at two-up,
I was returning to my hut when I
picked up a half-crown. It was
my long lost memento. I returned
to the "school," made and won a
bet with it. That day my winnings
totalled £33. I'm hanging on to that
old half-dollar now. —Crispie.

Confusion of Tongue.
Carol-singers have already com-
menced operations, and show no
inclination to withdraw in favour
of election speakers. Consequently
something like this may happen
any night—

"Good King Wenceslas look out
Overtaxed and rated."
While the snow lay round about
"That point's been debated."
Brightly shone the moon that
night

"Just for his enjoyment,"
When a poor man came in sight
"Looking for employment."

Humour in the Courts.
Wife at Willesden: "My
husband has never been sober
since you bound him over to keep
the peace, six weeks ago."

A woman described herself at
Bow County Court as "a lady
dicker," and explained that she
was the wife of a dock labourer.

My husband used to say he
would go through fire and water
for me, but now, at the first sign of
rain, he lays in bed, said a wife, at
Bow County Court.

A tenant at Willesden, alleged
damage to his goods during
election.

Magistrate: What goods? Good
enough goods. Six pawntickets
are missing.

"Have you any means?" a
witness was asked at Marylebone
County Court.

"Witness: How can I have means
with a forty-year-old husband with
twenty-year-old ideas.

Wife at Tottenham: My husband
told me the other day that I only
continued to live with him as a
means to an end. Magistrate:
What end? Wife: To provoke
him to murder me!

A servant, giving evidence at
Bow County Court, said she packed
some hats in a large box. Counsel:
And the dress in a pill-box. Isup-
pose?—Witness: Oh, no, it was not
an evening dress.

A constable described at Totten-
ham how he found a man standing
against railings. Awakened
and asked who he was, he answer-
ed: "I don't know." Asked where
he lived, he answered, too, "I don't
know."

When a motorist was summoned
at Stratford, he is reported to have
said to the constable who stopped
him: That's right; write down all
I say and tell all the old
justice what I have told you!

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY the 10th January 1924 at 5 p.m.

The purposes for which the Meeting is called are—

(a) To confirm the following resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 12th December 1923:

1. That the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11 the following:—
11A. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 a China Pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.

2. That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following:—

77. The weight for China Ponies shall be 140 pounds for 12 hands with an additional 3 pounds for every complete inch above that height. Fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony. Any Pony measuring 14 hands (fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony) and under shall be eligible to compete at the Annual Race Meeting in 1924 in any race reserved for China Ponies. After the Annual Race Meeting in 1924, any China Pony which measures over 13 hands 3 inches, to be ineligible to compete in any race reserved for China Ponies (fractions of an inch not to count).

77A. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 the Stewards may refuse to accept the entry of any Pony which in their opinion is not a China Pony. They may, at their discretion, appoint a Committee of Inspection. The Stewards' decision shall be final.

3. That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended to read:—

34. The Stewards have power to draw up and settle the programme and fix the date or dates for any Race Meeting.

4. That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be unchanged.

(b) To propose a resolution adopting the revised Rules and Regulations of the Club as circulated to the Members in which the following new provisions have been made:

1. For the division of the Members of the Club into Voting and Non-Voting or Ordinary Members.

2. For Lady Racing Members.

3. For the increase of the Entrance Fee to the Club.

4. For Visiting Members.

5. For the appointment of a Secretary.

6. For the alteration of the date upon which subscriptions are payable and other minor alterations.

By Order

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1924.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THIRD TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, January 12th

at 9.15 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT

TEN ROUND LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST

A. B. EARLEY, v. A. B. WRIGHT.

H.M.S. Ambrose v. H.M.S. Hawkins

Also

Four Welterweights, One Light weight, One Flyweight and One Featherweight Contest, each of Six Rounds.

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This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription list will be open on MONDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY, 1924, and close on or before SATURDAY, the 19th day of JANUARY, 1924.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances 1911-1921.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000

DIVIDED INTO 50,000 SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

Offer of 4,000 Shares of Public Subscription.

Of the above shares 15,000 credited as fully paid will be allotted to The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, as the purchase price for the sale to the Company of property, plant, machinery and equipment of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, on the terms of the contract set forth in this Prospectus. Of the remaining 35,000 shares it is intended at the present time to issue only 15,000, and of these shares 11,000 have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends. On these shares \$2.50 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

The remaining 4,000 shares to be issued at the present time, ranking equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for Public Subscription, payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share (\$7.50) will be called up on allotment. The unissued Capital of the Company will be issued at such time or times and on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

Directors:

CHARLES EDWARD HARTNELL BEAVIS, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

CHIAN PEK CHUN, No. 34, Bonham Street West, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

CHAP YUE TENG, No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Engineer.

EDWARD DEAN SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Architect.

WONG KWOK SHEN, No. 189, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

Bankers:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors:

Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,

Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong.

Solicitors:

Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST,

No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office of the Company:

China Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only may labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster," which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situate at Tsun Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereon, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment to The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Furthermore the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster required by the Vendors.

The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(c) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(d) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(e) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$600.00 per annum.

(g) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at the Office of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the International Banking Corporation, and at the Registered Office of the Company, 64, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Dated the 4th day of January, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED & FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, 1st February 1924, at 12 O'clock NOON for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,

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DURING those periodic dust storms which are veritable death-dealers to people with weak lungs, the value of Peps is self-evident. They thoroughly cleanse the throat, invigorate the bronchial glands, and keep the air-passages and lungs free from gritty dust particles and dangerous germs.

IN THE NURSERY Peps save mothers and infants many anxious hours. Without the aid of harmful drugs, Peps soothe and soothe the little sufferer from cold and whooping cough. Weak-chested and feeble infants find that Peps from the breathing and end those distressing bouts of bronchitis and asthma.

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PUBLIC SPEAKERS, lawyers, preachers, singers and others of similar vocation, should remember that the air of every public assembly is vitiated and poisoned with the emanations from the lungs of the multitude and the germs of many a deadly disease. An occasional Peps in the mouth thoroughly neutralizes the evil effects of this foul air and prevents hoarseness, bronchitis, etc.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

To steal bunches of grapes which were part of the harvest festival decorations at Warsaw (Notts) parish church, a thief smashed a valuable stained glass window.

Southend's lifeboat, which has saved thirty-four lives during the past twenty-four years, has been replaced by the "William Roberts," a larger and self-righting boat.

Mr. Leonard Raven Hill, cartographer, and Miss Maryon Jean Lyon, advertisement manager, both on the staff of "Punch" had a quiet wedding at St. Columba's, Port-street, W.

The British Trade Commissioner at Sydney states that imports of German origin into New South Wales during last August were valued at £34,119, compared with £24,958 in July, and £38,862 in June.

One hundred tramway-cars have been burned in a fire in one of the Tokio sheds, thus further handicapping the city's service, already reduced owing to the number of cars lost in the earthquake.

A mansion, 20 agricultural holdings, and practically all the small market town of Cromford, Derbyshire, are included in the Willersley, Castle estate (1,300 acres), Matlock, which is to be sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. has given \$500,000 to the endowment fund of the New York Zoological Society, and will give a second \$500,000 as soon as the society raises \$1,000,000 more, an official of the society announced.

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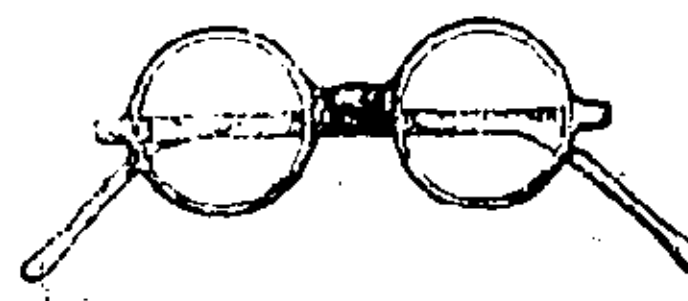
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BIRTH.

BAILEY.—On Sunday, the 6th
inst., at Government Civil Hos-
pital, the wife of Mr. W. N.
Bailey, of a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1924.

THE ROUND TABLE.

If we mistake not it was the late
Sir Henry May who, at an impor-
tant event in the family life of Sir
Robert Ho Tung, likened himself
and Sir Robert as Knights eager,
if necessary, to battle for the right
as in the days of chivalry. Those
perilous days have passed to give
place to days which are equally
perilous in perhaps a different sort
of way, although where the clash of
men's wills are concerned, there can
be very little difference between the
days of old and of those in which
we live. The spectacle therefore
of Sir Robert Ho Tung, in the
summer of his days, when his
leisure with good reason might be
more selfishly spent, spending time
and energy in endeavouring to get
together the disturbing elements in
China to a conference to consider
the present position of the country
and the utterable confusion and
chaos which exists, and to see if
there is no way out to a brighter
future, must fill the mind with a

sense of admiration. The value of
this example of true patriotism to
the younger generation, and indeed
to the older, is beyond price. It
may be alleged that for all his
setting out in pursuit of the Holy
Grail of peace, our knightly pilgrim
has nothing to show, that for all the
good he has done, he might well
have remained in the possibly more
salubrious atmosphere of Hongkong.
We beg to differ. We are assum-
ing, as we must, that Sir Robert's
efforts are entirely disinterested and
that he is actuated with the motive
that moves the minds and hearts of
all true lovers of China whether
they belong to her or not. The
reasoning spirit is as old as man-
kind. We have Biblical precedent
for it when the sinfulness and way-
wardness of man was evidently just
as great as they are now, and when
the urge was "Comp let us reason
together." That is the cry to-day
in China, as insistent and as neces-
sary and desirable as in the days of
yore ago. The onlooker confesses
his inability to understand the con-
tinual strifes and happenings which
disrupt a great nation, which are
apt to make her a necessary and
not always welcome prey to
diplomatic exigencies, which con-
fuse the mind and tend to hasty and
very often wrong diagnosis of those
engaged in a seeming endeavour to
gain their own aim and end. These
have been called to a simple com-
ference and seem generally to have
agreed. In one direction the time
is not considered opportune or ripe,

and for the time being the proposed
Round Table Conference becomes
the figment of an inspired imagina-
tion, needing the breath of life to
be breathed into its bones to make
it become a healthy and a living
reality, of benefit to China as it is
hoped the League of Nations may
become to the World. The names
of those who stand for so much in
China who have become interested
in this peace plan; the fact that an
influential Committee has been
appointed to press it forward at
every conceivable opportunity, and
the fact also that the author of it is
by no means discouraged but pins
his faith to it anew, augurs well for
its ultimate success. We are apt
to forget that China emerged to her
present mode of Government after
centuries of rigid domination to
what it was hoped was a better state
of affairs. She is but a child—
wayward one perhaps, in this state,
groping for the light and needing all
the sympathy that it is possible to
give. Let us give it by at least
encouraging those who, like Sir
Robert Ho Tung are endeavouring
to bring peace on sane and common-
sense lines. It is very true to say
that he that will not reason is a
bigot; he that cannot reason is a
fool; and he that dares not reason is
a slave.

A Union.

Captain Robert Dollar has, so it
seems to us, advanced the question
of the desirability of some such
organization as a Rotary Club by
urging as he did in his speech yester-
day, the formation of an English
Speaking Union. It is the same
thing, but another name. The
same as our cherished idea of an
International Club which we hold
is a thing much to be desired in this
place and so essential to its pros-
perity and happiness. An English
Speaking Union suggests no bounds;
no creeds, no colour. All who speak
English and can be admitted to the
common standards of respectability
to be eligible. It needs only a
moment from our own individualistic
pursuits or hobbies, whether in the
realm of business or of art, to
realise the immensity and far-reach-
ing possibilities of the idea. Capt.
Robert Dollar is a figure in the
navigable world to be reckoned
with; ever from a nation of seers
—and does, who sees at a glance
what this place needs. It may be
that we need to "get a move on" if
we are to be superseded by Shanghai
as a shipping port, but we also need
to "get a move on" in the formation
of this proposed English Speaking
Union. This being a British
Colony, the call is to those who by
their position are looked upon as
leaders. Will they fail to see the
vision that is daily before them, or
do they wait for someone to "get a
move on" before joining in?

Piracy.

There may be good reasons why
the Government has made no move
to institute enquiries into recent
piracies of ships sailing out of Hong-
kong, but the lay mind may be
forgotten if it cannot, in the absence
of official news, quite grasp what
these are. The Government official
concerned has made his report to
his superior officer, He Who Ruleth
By Right of Appointment, and
there the matter ends. Is it going
to be allowed to end there? The
enquiry into the pirating of the
"Sun Ann" was held because the
circumstances were "so excep-
tional." How more exceptional
than any of the other steamers we
are at a loss to know. We agree
with one of our correspondents that
most people would imagine that an
enquiry into every piracy would be
held as a matter of course. A
master loses his ship at sea, or
suffers a collision, or some other
serious marine happening. An
enquiry into such is held as a matter
of course. Why not then in the
case of a piracy where a master for
the time being loses control of his
ship and the lives and property
entrusted to his care? It seems a
matter of common sense. Non-
observance of it carries with it
natural conclusions, and those con-
cerned have only themselves to
blame if these conclusions are far
from complimentary. In any case
the matter cannot be allowed to
remain where it is.

A fashion journal
CHARIVARIA. says that sleeping
gowns are coming
in again for women.
Soon dappers drawing many stares.
Will knock the poor males flat.
They'll put on quite a lot of airs,
And let it go at that.

\$2,000 (gold) each is being asked
for the Dinosaurs eggs recently
"collected" in China. A heavy
price for a poached eggs surely.
"When I served the summons
she flung her rouge at me" com-
plained a man in a F. Lee Court.
When he saw red evidently!

A painter in New Zealand has
been caught stealing White-lead.
Caught red-handed?

A Vienna Doctor says he can
diagnose a man's character by the
way he sneezes. Snuff and non-
sense!

It is to be noted that the Goat-
land doctor passed through Hong-
kong. Found the place too lively
eridantly.

We understand the Onion Club
has noted the willingness of the lady
associated with the newly-formed
Boy Scouts branch on the Peak, to
be known as The Old Wolf.

Mr. Compton Mackenzie
TUCK. in his latest novel, which
we can recommend
utterly truth when he says:—There
are many ways of furnishing a house
hideously and many ways of furnish-
ing it unbecomingly, but there is
no way that so unhappily combines
both as the style of the Orient
adapted to the uses of the Occi-
dent. Shades of blackwood chairs,
don't we know it.

Do not bestow either
JAPANESE. rewards or punish-
ment while you are
in great joy or anger, but rather
wait until your emotion has sub-
sided lest your award may be in-
just. To give judgment according
to one's mood, is like doing so in
proportion to a bribe.
Ask no man's counsel if thou dost
not mean to follow it, for whole-
some physio's use lies in drinking,
not the buying it.

A man who is strong in evil is also
strong in good. When cold Deser-
ter fills the air with frost the shin-
ing fowl takes refuge in a tree.
The wild duck takes the water.
Over taste there's no disputing.
To do good is easy, but not to
seek a reputation for so doing is
difficult. But doing good with-
out any consideration of reputation
is true goodness.

We had a
STRAIGHTFORWARD note in Satur-
day's issue
stating that
"there is no such thing as
absolutely unimpeded clear-
straightforward thinking." In what
may be considered confirmation of
this we came across the following
by Laurence Sterne:—"Of all the
ways of beginning a book which are
now in practice throughout the
known world, I am confident my
own way of doing it is the best—
for I begin with writing the first
sentence and trusting to Almighty
God for the second. In this way
"Tristram Shandy" was written,
and we may be thankful that the
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Elizabeth, the late lamented
Queen Elizabeth,
were very acid as we have previously
demonstrated.
To her Judges when she was 25
she said:—
"Have a care over my people.
You have my people—do you that
which I would do. They are my
people. Every man oppresseth
and spoileth them without mercy.
They cannot revenge their quarrel
nor help themselves! So unto them—
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self from being careful over this
country? Is not my kingdom
here? Whom have I oppressed?
Whom have I enriched to others'
harm? What turmoil have I
made to this Commonwealth that
I should be suspected to have no
regard of the same?"

The proprietor of
The Perfect a certain store is
SALESMAN. for ever scolding
his employees for
their indifference in the matter of
possible sales.

One day, hearing an assistant say
to a customer: "No, we have not
had any for a long time," the pro-
prietor, unable to countenance such
an admission, began to work him-
self into the usual rage.

Fixing a glassy eye on his assist-
ant, he said to this customer: "We
have plenty in reserve, main-
taining plenty downstairs!"

Whereupon the customer looked
dazed and then, to the amazement
of the proprietor, burst into hysteri-
cal laughter and walked out of the
store.

"What did she say to you?"
demanded the proprietor of the
assistant.

"We haven't had any rain
lately."

To-day's Poem.
(My Country.)

England, with all thy faults, I love
thee still—
My country! And, while yet a nook
is left
Where English minds and manners
may be found,
I shall be constrained to love thee,
Though thy clime
Be fickle, and thy year most part
deformed
With dripping rains, or withered
by a frost,
I would not yet exchange thy sullen
sides.
And fields without a flower, for
Warmer France,
With all her vines; nor for
Austria's groves
Of golden fruitage, and her myrtle
bowers.

—COWPER.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 9.

1665. Up and walked to Whitehall,
it being still a brave frost,
and I in perfect good health,
blessed be God!—Pepys.

1740. Inclement weather, com-
mencing on Christmas day,
continued through the whole
of a month, when the
Thames was frozen over, so
that numbers of people walk-
ed upon it.—Universal
Chronicle.

MONEY

Those who hold that money can
do anything are invariably prepared
to do anything for money.
—BEAUCHAMPEL (1748-1824).

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 9.—Coronet Theatre;
"Are You A Failure?"
January 9.—Star Theatre;
"What Wives Want."
January 9.—World Theatre;
"The Heart Line."
January 9.—The Grand Theatre;
Jackie Cogan in "Trouble."

SOCIAL.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at
Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

January 12.—Theatre Royal,
H.K. Boxing Assn.'s third tourna-
ment of the season, at 8.15 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

January 9.—Lammert Bros., at
Sales Rooms, Postage Stamps, 5.15
p.m.
January 11.—Lammert Bros., at
Sales Rooms, miscellaneous goods,
11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

February 1.—One-hundred and
fourth ordinary meeting of share-
holders of the Hongkong-Shantou
and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at
the Offices of the Company, Noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 9.—Forty-eighth annual
meeting of the District Grand
Lodge of Hongkong, 9.15 p.m.
January 10.—Hongkong Jockey
Club, extraordinary general meet-
ing, in the Board Room of Messrs.
Jardine Matheson & Co., at 5 p.m.
January 14.—Ordinary annual
general meeting of St. David's
Society in the Supreme Court, 5.10
p.m.
January 14.—General meeting of
the Hongkong Philharmonic So-
ciety in St. John's Cathedral, 5.15
p.m.

CURRENT COMMENT.

WHAT THE CHINESE
PAPERS SAY.

PROPOSED EMBARGO ON SILVER COIN.

Instead of relieving the currency
stringency, the recent proposal by
the Canton Government that an
embargo be placed on the export
(from Canton) of silver coins, has
had disturbing effects. Trade in the
whole province is based entirely on
silver coins. For example, rice
supplies are entirely dependant on
imports from abroad and if silver
coins cannot be exported, purchases
will have to be paid for in Western
(Hongkong) notes, and prices will
certainly rise. At present, Canton
bankers are making capital of the
proposal. There has been strong
demand for Hongkong notes, pre-
mium for which has considerably
appreciated.

CANTON'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

To put it on an equal footing
with Peking, in its claim for re-
cognition of the right to a part of
the Customs Surplus and other
questions, the Canton Military
Headquarters has definitely decided
to call itself the National Govern-
ment, provisions for which are
already being made, and will be
completed in a short time. As the
present headquarters is practically
the Government, little will need to
be done to enable it to be called the
National Government.—(Tsun Wan
Yat Po—Hongkong.)

NEW SOLICITOR.

MR. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS
ADMITTED.

Mr. Jose Maria D'Almada
Remedios, nephew and adopted son
of Mr. Leo D'Almada, was, on the
motion of the Attorney-General (the
Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.), ad-
mitted this morning by the Chief
Justice (Sir William Rees Davies,
K.C.) to practise as a solicitor in the
courts of the Colony.
In admitting Mr. Remedios, the
Chief Justice said: "The Attorney-
General has informed me that you
have passed the examination which
qualifies you to practise in these
Courts. I am also glad to be in-
formed that you have passed a very
creditable examination. You bear
a name which is well-known and
respected in these Courts and I hope
your career will be a successful one
and that you will fully keep up the
reputation of the family to which
you are attached."

DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

The Directors of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation
announce that, subject to audit, the
dividend and bonus for the half
year ending 31st December, 1923
will be—
Dividend £3 per share.
Bonus in addition to dividend £2
per share.
Add to Silver Reserve
Fund \$1,000,000
Write off Bank
Premises \$1,000,000
Carry forward to next
year, about \$3,375,000

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at
5.56 p.m.

Exchange on London is 2/3 3/4;
on Shanghai 7 1/2.

Sixteen fresh cases of small-
pox were notified yesterday.

London mails of December
13, reached Hongkong yesterday
via Siberia. The mails of the
same date via Suez are due to-day.

The Asia Banking Corporation
obtained judgment in Manila
against Messrs. Teal and Co., Inc.,
for P250,000, with legal interest.
The suit related indebtedness
guaranteed with mortgage.

The silk shipped per s.s.
"President Jackson," which sailed
from this port at 10 a.m. on Decem-
ber 12, arrived in New York at 10
a.m. on January 4, having been 23
calendar days in transit.

"That All Fortunes Having a
Surplus Over a Million Dollars
Should Have That Surplus Revert-
ed to the Government" will be de-
bated at the meeting of the
English Debating Club on Friday
next of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.
The "Saarbrücken," which ar-
rived in port from Bremen, had on
board 148 German and 2 American
passengers. Of the German pas-
sengers 4 were booked to Hong-
kong, 14 to Canton, 12 to Manila, 2
to Pakhoi, 104 to Shanghai, 9 to
Kobe and 3 to Yokohama.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain and Mrs. Robert Dollar
left to-day for Manila, on the
"President Madison."

ARMS EVIL.

DANES AT CRIMINAL COURT.

NEW LAW CRITICISED.

It is not often that Europeans are
seized in the dock at the criminal
sessions but it occurred this morn-
ing when three Danes belonging to
the crew of the motorship "Malaya"
pleaded guilty before the Chief Jus-
tice (Sir William Rees Davies,
K.C.) to charges alleging them to
have been in possession of revolvers
and ammunition.

The prisoners, whom Mr. Camp-
bell Prosser (instructed by Messrs.
Duncan, Houston & Shenton) de-
fended, were:—Ole Poulsen,
George Holte and Sigurd Peter
Thorsen.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K.
Holmes, said the arms were found
in the accused's quarters aboard the
"Malaya" while the ship was
lying alongside the Kowloon wharf.
Poulsen had 6 revolvers and 500
rounds, Holte 4 revolvers and 491
rounds and Thorsen 3 revolvers and
300 rounds. The revolvers were all
small pocket automatics and were
quite new.

In the course of an appeal for
clemency Mr. Campbell Prosser
said the ship arrived on November
27 and left for Kobe on December 1.
The arms were found on November
30 at 10.30 p.m. and counsel argued
that if the men had intended to land
them in Hongkong they would have
done so long before and would have
concealed them much more effec-
tively. They bought the revolvers
in Antwerp for 60 francs each—
about \$10—100 rounds of ammuni-
tion being thrown in with them.
Their intention was to exchange
them for Japanese weapons in Kobe.

Mr. Campbell Prosser contended
that this was a case which the
Magistrate would have dealt with
summarily except for the new Ordinance
which provided that a Magis-
trate must commit unless he received
a written request from the C.S.P.
to the contrary. These men had
now, however, been put in jeopardy
of one form of punishment—imprison-
ment—whereas if they were tried
before a Magistrate the alternative
of a fine would be available.

To say the least of it, Mr.
Campbell Prosser continued, "Sec-
tion 4 of the latest Ordinance is a
novel and astounding contribution
to English jurisprudence—that any
right should be taken from a pri-
soner before a hearing and that a
magistrate should have powers taken
away from him by somebody not
sitting in a judicial capacity."

The Chief Justice: "There is this
to be said about it, that the Legis-
lative Council is dealing with a very
exceptional state of affairs in the
Colony. At any rate it is not for
the Court to consider that question
at all. My duty is to interpret the
law as I find it. What else have
you to say on the merits?"

Mr. Campbell Prosser added that
two of the men had been discharged
with good characters from the Danish
Navy. They were educated, intelli-
gent men and had it been brought
to their notice that the possession
of arms was illegal there would have
been nothing which could have been
said in their favour. As it was, they
were regarding this as a peaceful
bartering transaction which they
intended to carry out in Kobe and
as far as the mental element was
concerned there was no crime com-
mitted. Counsel suggested that a
very small term of imprisonment
would meet the spirit of the recent
Ordinance.

The Chief Justice decided to
reserve sentence until a later date.

Other Offenders Sentenced.

Five Chinese and a Filipino
pleaded guilty to similar offences
committed under circumstances
which pointed to the police having
recently instituted a somewhat
rigorous campaign amongst Chinese
passengers embarking and disem-
barking on local steamers.

The sentences imposed by the
Chief Justice ranged from seven
years imprisonment with 10 strokes
of the "cat" to three months' im-
prisonment. The man awarded the
seven years and the "cat" was
caught leaving the steamer "Jado"
with loaded weapons concealed in
the false bottom of a basket and
His Lordship expressed the opinion
that this was just the type of offence
the Legislature had in mind when
they authorised the Court to give
corporal punishment and he felt
justified in making an example of
the prisoner.

Most of the other prisoners were
awarded five years' each. The man
who was let off with three months'
jail was found with packets of
ammunition in his pockets as he was
leaving a wharf. The Chief Justice
said he thought this was a case the
police should have asked the magis-
trate to deal with as in law it was
an offence of a somewhat trivial
character.

THE PHIL.

Rehearsals are being resumed
on Monday next which means that
Hongkong, at no distant date, is
to have another excellent con-
cert. A general meeting is also
called for Monday next and in-
tending members are advised to
send their names to the Hon.
Secy., Mr. S. Collett, 3, Queen's
Gardens.

FREE \$50 PRIZE.

CORONET THEATRE'S
OFFER.

POPULAR PICTURES.

RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S VOTING
CONTEST.

An entirely new system—framed by an eminent firm of London chartered accountants for a competition involving six million votes—was followed in last week's voting contest, for which the Management of the Coronet Theatre offered a prize of \$50. Competitors had to vote for the twelve best cinema pictures they had ever seen, either here or elsewhere, and they had added pleasure in knowing that in assisting to help the management of the Coronet Theatre decide what pictures are liked best they were helping to choose their own movies.

The maximum number of points obtainable in the contest was 650.

Mr. Hoo Pui,
top floor,
77, Des Voeux Road
Central,

sent in a coupon, which according to the rules announced, obtained 502 marks. This being the highest, the prize is awarded to him. Mr. Hoo Pui should apply to the Management of the Coronet Theatre who will be pleased to give him a cheque for the \$50 prize.

The statement sometimes made that Hoo Pui has a very short memory, was conclusively refuted by the voting. Quite a number of voters pinned their faith to movies which had been shown here years ago and have not been seen since. Just to mention a few, there were Shoulder Arms, Quo Vadis, My Four Years in Germany, Les Misérables, Daddy Longlegs, Jack and the Beanstalk and Tarzan. Competitors who voted for these pictures gave the impression that the old favourites were indelibly stamped on their memories, while the march of progress in the cinema industry is evident from the support accorded to the more recent releases as will be seen in the final result.

Altogether over two hundred pictures were named but there were not more than twenty that seemed likely to be included in the correct solution, which is as follows:—

CORRECT SOLUTION.

1. WAY DOWN EAST.
2. ORPHANS OF THE STORM.
3. ROBIN HOOD.
4. SAFETY LAST.
5. THE THREE MUSKETEERS.
6. THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE.
7. THE KID.
8. THE MARK OF ZORRO.
9. THE ETERNAL FLAME.
10. THE PRISONER OF ZENDA.
11. TROUBLE.
12. INTOLERANCE.

The picture entered first in each coupon was given twelve points; the one second eleven, the third ten, and so on, the twelfth getting, of course, one point. The points were entered up in our special charts and at the end added up. The picture which received the biggest number of points (Way Down East) then took first place in the correct solution. Orphans of the Storm had the next most and the other ten in the order stated. Then each coupon was checked with the correct solution. Inclusion of Way Down East would mean a basis of twelve points; if put in the first position in the coupon, it would be multiplied by twelve, making 144. If in the second line it was multiplied by eleven, making 132; if in the others they were in the same proportion, the multiplier being one less for each line than that for the twelfth line, being one. Inclusion of Orphans of the Storm meant a basis of eleven points; if in the first line, it would be multiplied by twelve giving 132. If in the second line, it would be multiplied by eleven giving 121 and in any other line it would be multiplied in the same way as the first picture. The basis for the other pictures decreased by one as they appeared in the order in the correct solution. For example, the basis for the Mark of Zorro was five points. If put first in a coupon it would be multiplied by twelve making 60. If third, it would be 50 (multiplied by ten). If seventh, the multiplier would be six, giving 30. If twelfth, it would be multiplied by one, giving 5. The highest total number of points obtained in each coupon was the factor which decided the prize.

The winner's coupon was as follows:—1 Orphans of the Storm 11 points x 12=132; 2 Way Down East 12 points x 11=132; 3 The Three Musketeers 8 points x 10=80; 4 Robin Hood 10 points x 9=90; 5 The Mark of Zorro 5 points x 8=40; 6 Safety Last 9 points x 7=63; 7 The Kid 6 points x 6=36; 8 The Prisoner of Zenda 3 points x 5=15; 9 Dr. Jack 0 point x 4=0; 10 Busted 0 point x 3=0; 11 Trouble 2 points x 2=4; 12 The Flit 0 point x 1=0. Total 592.

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

CORONET THEATRE'S
ENTERTAINMENT.

NOTABLE POLICE FILM.

Mr. H. W. Ray of the Coronet Theatre has, through Mr. T. H. King, Assistant Superintendent of Police, invited the members of the Police Force to witness the exceptionally interesting film which is now showing at the Coronet Theatre and which has excited general interest. This film shows two Chinese walking along a country path. They are set upon by robbers. One man is killed and the other is wounded. An alarm is given and the police arrive. They run the murderers down with the aid of dogs. The wounded man determines to join the police force. There is shown his training, and the time when, after hunting down an evil-doer in approved fashion he becomes a sergeant. This peculiarly interesting and helpful film was actually made with the assistance of members of the Shanghai Police Force and has met with a splendid reception in the Northern port where every member of the force witnessed it.

WANCHAI ROBBERY.

THIS MORNING'S AFFAIR.

After an absence of several days, an armed robbery has again occurred. At about eight o'clock this morning, three men who had a revolver and a dagger between them, entered the first floor of No. 17, Yee Woo Street, which is used as a tenement.

They succeeded in taking away property valued at \$487, \$200 in Hongkong notes and four pairs of gold bangles, escaping in the direction of the Causeway Bay tram terminus.

SHOP-LIFTING.

BARGAIN SALE EPISODE.

Taking advantage of the crush in Wing On's yesterday, when a bargain sale was on, a Chinese dressed in a long-coat and claiming to be a barber from Canton, tucked a roll of satin, valued at \$100, under his robe and was about to walk out of the shop when two *fokis* spotted him. Both made a grab for him and he was arrested.

Charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning, he stoutly denied the theft. After the case had been proved his record was produced and it was found that he had been jailed for similar offences in 1906 and 1912 and banished in the latter year. Sub-inspector Hutchins told His Worship that there had been quite a number of thefts from shops lately and His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

According to points Way Down East was decisively first, half the votes it received, assigning it to first place. However, it did not get many coupons more than Orphans of the Storm, which in turn was far ahead of Robin Hood in both respects. Safety Last was fourth by a large number of points and fifth according to coupons. The Three Musketeers (4), The Four Horsemen (10) and The Kid (6) were close together as reckoned by points, the figures in parentheses denoting their positions according to number of coupons. The last five were evenly separated in number of votes. Trouble getting the seventh highest number of coupons, The Mark of Zorro eighth, The Eternal Flame ninth, The Prisoner of Zenda eleventh and Intolerance a much smaller number of votes, but more points than a few pictures which were not placed.

Orphans of the Storm had decidedly the most support for second and third places, and Safety Last for fourth. Robin Hood also figured prominently in the first three places and headed the poll for fifth position. Of those not placed, Penrod, Tale of Two Cities and T. A. David received a good deal of support but were generally placed fairly low in the coupons with the result that they did not get enough points.

Of other films in the running were Peg O' My Heart, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Dangerous Business, The Three Must-Get-There's, Man, Woman, Marriage, The Love Flower, Smiling Through, Salome, In the Name of the Law, Garrison's Finish and Foolish Wives. There were a few pictures which received little notice but were usually placed at the top of the list whenever included. Some of them are The Birth of a Nation, Intolerance, The Flame of Life and The Queen of Sheba.

In all issues of the *China Mail* this week will be found coupons for another cinema contest for which the Coronet Theatre is giving another free \$50 prize. This time the voting is for stars and competitors will have the added pleasure of knowing that their opinions will count with the theatre management in selecting pictures.

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WORLD THEATRE

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The largest dock in Great Britain is to be built at Glasgow.

An All-British Exhibition is to be opened for a month at Amsterdam.

The Mexican rebels have taken possession of oil fields at Sienna blanca.

The House of Commons has opened. Mr. Baldwin was received with Labour cheers.

A resolution of confidence in the Directors of the Dunlop Rubber Co., has been passed.

The French Finance Minister has submitted a scheme aiming at countering the fall of the franc.

The British Embassy has filed a request for information in regard to the seizure of a British schooner.

The London Daily News "is of opinion that the Cape should be provided with great dockyard facilities."

A Dutch Speculator has been expelled from Paris on a charge of spreading alarmed reports concerning the fall of the franc.

An all-day meeting of the Executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen has decided against an acceptance of the Wages Board award.

Two thousand religious fanatics are terrorizing Surigao and have killed two police, and five constabulary, and have abducted two school teachers. The constabulary are reinforcing.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says Labour is not going to take office in order to prepare for a General Election. If capital flees from the country when Labour comes to rule, the panic-mongers will be responsible.

When a woman was summoned at Grimsby for unpaid rates, the stipendiary said: "I will not commit a woman who, I gather, has a lazy husband. If he had been summoned I would have sent him to prison."

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1924, commencing at 11 a.m. at Messrs. Kwong Ngan Sang's Godown, Kennedy Town (on account of the coronation), 228 Baga White Road 62 Baga Broken White Rice (more or less damaged) Terms—Cash on delivery. LAMBERT BROS. Auctioneers. Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th inst. at 9.15 p.m. All M. M. are invited to attend.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

THE attention of Owners is called to an alteration in the conditions of the eight race on the first day, the Chater Cup.

The last sentence should read as follows: "Fancies that have started and never BEEN PLACED in an Official Race allowed 10 lbs."

By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL show of Flowers and Vegetables will be held on THURSDAY, 6th March 1924.

Schedules are now being printed and will be sent to Members at an early date.

Entries will close at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 27th of February 1924 at the Hon. Secretary's Office. The Committee will be glad to receive the names of new members, which should be sent in to the Hon. Secretary Mr. E. B. C. Horrell, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. No. 2 Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

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MONDAY January 14, at 4.30 p.m. Red Vouchers sold for Reserved Seats can be exchanged for Tickets at Messrs. Moutrie's now or at the Box Office on MONDAY.

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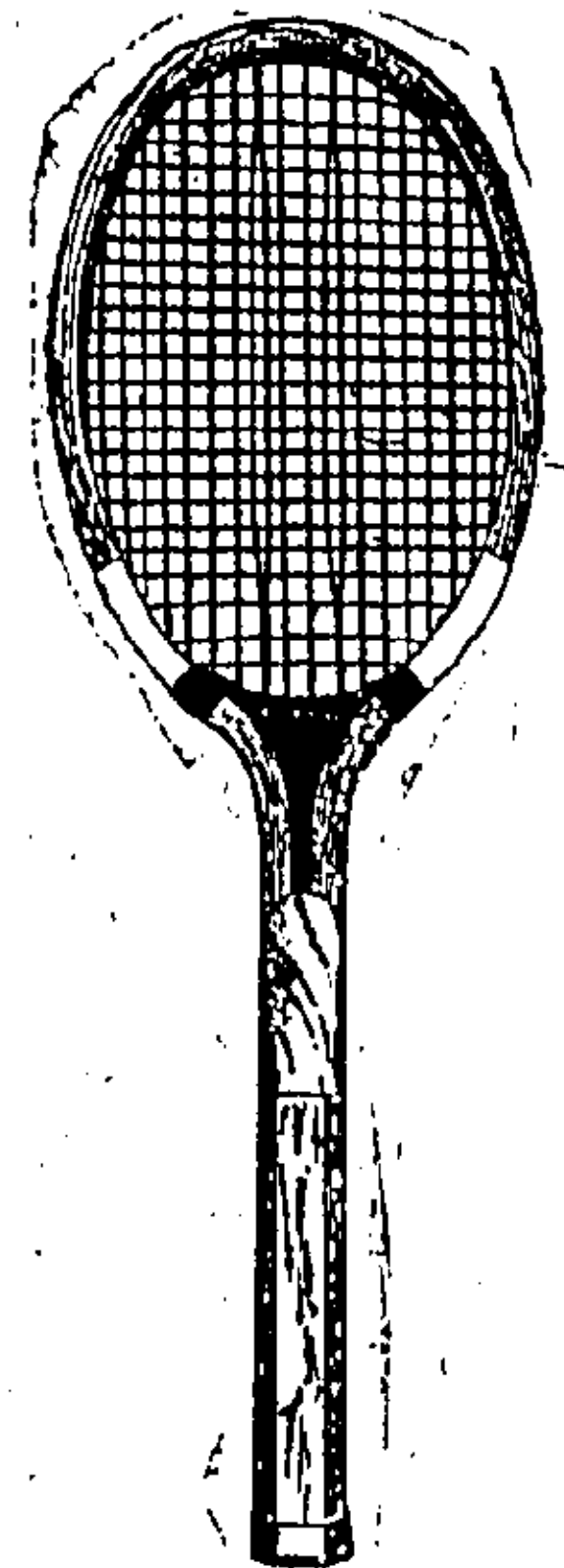
FRIDAY, 11th January, 1924 6.00 p.m. 8.30 p.m. & 9.00 p.m. respectively.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A NEW BOAT.

SANDAKAN, Dec. 1923. We congratulate Messrs. Kim Eng Watt Bros., and their workmen at their shipyard at Leila Road for having turned out such a smart looking craft launched on the night of the 10th inst. This launch was built to replace their old one. Except the machinery all other works were done in their yard under an experienced supervisor. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Koh Peck-chek, wife of the Managing Partner, in characteristic English and Chinese fashion. As the rope was cut, the vessel glided down the stock without any hitch, at the same moment Mrs. Koh Peck broke a bottle of Champagne over her bows, and when she took the water crackers were fired, joss-sticks and candles were lit and other Chinese formalities were indulged in. She was given the same name as its predecessor viz. "Sen Wat". We wish her and its owners the best of luck, and may she safely plough the waters of North Borneo for many many years to come.

COURT.

Two cases of cutting and wounding, one unfortunately ending fatally, have engaged attention. A shop coolie was attacked and cut with a parang by a Sulu. The victim was taken to the Hospital and in spite of all medical aid the patient succumbed to his injuries. The accused was tried and convicted of murder before the Sessions Court and was sentenced to be hanged, but the capital punishment was commuted by order of H. E. the Governor to one of 14 years R.L. The other was a stabbing case, not of a serious nature, the parties were Chinese clerks, one being employed at Messrs. Harrisons & Crossfield (Borneo) Ltd., and the other in the Government Development Works in Sandakan. The outcome was on account of domestic trouble, there being a woman in the case. The accused got off lightly with a fine of \$25.

DEATH.

We regret to note the death of Mr. Hancock of Sekong Rubber Estate which occurred at the Government Civil Hospital. He was admitted in the hospital suffering from fever and at one time he was reported to be doing well. About a fortnight ago he was reported to be progressing favourably, but later his condition changed for the worse causing anxiety to his friends, and he passed away on

20th December. His remains were laid to rest the following morning in the Protestant Cemetery, being accorded a Military funeral.

AN IMMERSION.

What might have ended in a tragedy but for the timely arrival of a Pathan watchman employed by a Chinese firm at the Praya, Sandakan, occurred the other night at about 12 m.n. The watchman heard a cry coming from a side Jetty built of old wooden posts and planks leading to the Government thoroughfare called the Praya Road. He immediately went towards the place where the sound seemed to emanate, and there he discovered a European in the water clinging to one of the posts. He at once went and knocked at the doors of a shop close by and brought out a long ladder and by that means the man was rescued and afterwards taken care of by a kindly Japanese trader who attended to his requirements.

A SHOCK.

A sad accident occurred at about 9 a.m., on Tuesday the 11th inst. when a young Indian Tamil Foreman of the Development works was nearly electrocuted by a live wire at the new reclamation works on the western side of the Customs. It appears that in trying to shift one of the temporary posts erected on the newly filled-in earth on the reclamation area to another position, and without taking the proper precaution in shutting off the electric current, he started to move the post with the live wire on top of the unfortunate man; he was saved just in the nick of time by an Indian Signaller, who severed the wire and switched off the current. The poor man was found to be severely burnt and with froth oozing from his mouth and was conveyed to the hospital in an unconscious state. At the time of writing we are pleased to hear that he is out of danger and is in a good way of recovery.

NEW LAND LAWS AND IMMIGRATION.

The terms as published in the B.N.B. of 16th November last seem attractive. The President of the Chamber of Commerce in his speech at the eighty-first half yearly meeting said *inter alia* that the general requirements of the country are British capital and Asiatic settlers and labour. Now there is plenty of room in British North Borneo for such settlers and labourers; what is required is, we think, a broadcast distribution of Chinese notices in pamphlet form in Hongkong, Canton, Macao, Swatow and Amoy, and if any Northerners are required then up as far as Shanghai. Regarding the new land laws, this matter, we hear, has been taken up by the two Chambers of Com-

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHEEP AND GOATS IN THE JOCKEY CLUB.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I beg to draw the attention of members of the Jockey Club to the proposed new rules Nos. 3 and 6:—

(3) "The Club shall consist of voting members limited in number by the Club." (6) "The Club shall consist of voting members limited in number by the Club."

Thus there will be sheep and goats among the members. As to the goats, these will have all the privileges of the Club except that they shall possess no share in the property of the Club and no voice in the management of the affairs of the Club.

Poor goats! What have they done to deserve that?

After providing for 200 sheep, who are to be the 200 oldest members of the Club on December 31, 1923, we come to the cream of the flock, Rule 6.

The numbers shall not exceed 200, but when the numbers have fallen below 200 the Stewards shall invite an ordinary member or members to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

This is too beautiful to spoil with comment; like a flower, "touch it and the bloom is gone."

The time and place where these rules will be submitted is 5.30 p.m. on Thursday next in Jardine's Board Room—Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE GOATS.

Hongkong January 8.

WHO'S WHO.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain W. J. Larter, of the "Kansu," is on reserve.

Captain R. Unwin, from reserve, has gone master, "Kansu." Mr. T. Johnston, chief officer, "Sunning," is on reserve.

Mr. F. W. Potter, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Sunning." Mr. G. G. Mudie, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Ngankin."

Mr. T. Henderson, chief engineer, "Ngankin," is on reserve. Mr. P. A. Maitland, from leave, has gone chief engineer, "Ngankin."

Captain T. M. Meyrick, from leave, has gone master, "Kingsing." Mr. J. M. Sturgeon, acting master, "Kingsing," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. J. J. McLeavy, chief officer, "Kingsing," is on reserve.

Mr. L. S. Holmes, chief engineer, "Tuckwo," is on leave. Mr. C. Collins, second engineer, "Tuckwo," has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. C. M. Anderson, second engineer, "Luenho," has gone second engineer, "Fausang." Mr. F. F. Clark, acting second engineer, "Fausang," has gone third engineer, same ship.

WORLD THEATRE.

"The Heart Line," a photodramatic version of Gelett Burgess' famous novel, starring Leah Baird at the World Theatre to-night, is a unique story revolving about unusual characters.

There is the palmist and clairvoyant who has built his success on the flimsy foundation of lies and fraud. He tells customers what they like to hear. He makes their castles in the air seem like real structures of brick and stone. His readings may be true—how can he know?

Then there is Madam Spill, a spiritualistic medium whose stock of consolation is offered in small lots at bargain counter prices. It is shown how she makes ghosts appear, and how she learns the question within sealed envelopes. The heroine is Fancy Gray, a girl who has drifted down the tide of life giving happiness to all who knew her, and asking nothing of the world but justice. She is seen as the pal of a gay and carefree group of bohemians; she is seen as the efficient secretary of the palmist; she is seen as the girl whose love is noble enough to make the greatest sacrifice; she is seen playing "ghost" for Madam Spill.

Other interesting characters are the heiress who raises the palmist to her social level and regenerates him through her faith in his innate truthfulness; the man who is seeking a boy that has been lost for twenty years; another man who plots to marry wealth; and two men who love a girl who loves another. Fascinating, vivid, wholesome and potent is "The Heart Line," presented by Arthur F. Beck through Pathé.

mercy. A report of joint sub-committee of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce will be sent to the Government for further consideration.

IBANEZ.

SPAIN'S NOVELIST.

[Among the "Franciscans" passengers—the boat is due in Hongkong on Saturday—is Vicente Blasco Ibañez, described as Spain's most popular novelist. The following graphic portrait of the author will be read with interest.]

Vicente Blasco Ibañez, author of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" and a dozen other famous novels, is most himself in his villa on the Mediterranean, close to where a mountain road, a sentinel and two posts divide France from Italy. The Villa Fontana Rosa, on the Bay of Capri, at Montone, is much like other villas on the coast save that it contains a remarkable work-room, giving on to a tropical garden, not without touches of Spain. A long, quiet, almost austere room in faint lavender-grey, lined with books in all languages, and topped by portraits of famous men.

NO POSES, NO RESERVES. A thick-set, ruddy, middle-sized man with a powerful head, Blasco Ibañez, in the middle fifties, is one of the world's most famous novelists. It is said of "The Four Horsemen" that, in America, it has been more read than any book except the Bible. His whole personality is made up of energy, intelligence and imagination.

Though learned, there is nothing of the pale student about him. Yet his wonderful description of Toledo, "La Catedral," is a synthesis of the blighting influence of the Church on Spain; in his "Mare Nostrum" you have a picture of the whole effect of Mediterranean civilization on the world.

The man is geniality itself. He has no poses, and no reserves, and will talk on any subject—in French, with a pronounced Spanish accent and many Spanish idioms—from Dickens and Cervantes to the cinema and the opera.

It is rare to find a literary man with such a love of music as has Ibañez. He sees, too, a great future for the film, and it is a pleasure for a Briton to be able to tell him, what he did not know, that the amazing production of "The Four Horsemen," with its ethical note running through the whole story like a leitmotif in music, is the work of an Englishman—Rex Ingram. But if Ibañez has made a fortune out of the film, he gained nothing but fame from the book, for he tells you, laughing, that he sold it, as a piece of effective propaganda for the Allies, to an impecunious American journalist for the modest sum of \$50.

TRAGEDY AND COMEDY.

Our author, indeed, is not only a marvellous teller of tales, but has lived through tragedy, comedy and romance in his own person. As a youth he lay for many months at a time in foul Spanish dungeons for his revolutionary (what we should call Liberal) opinions. He has tramped Italy without a sou, and has been elected many times deputy to the Cortes. He has burnt midnight candles in damp offices in Valencia learning his author's craft after the drudgery of daily journalism. He has been exiled like a conqueror in the North and South Americas; he has founded a Spanish colony in Patagonia, has married and begotten a sturdy young family. He owns a marble palazzo in Spain, and a beautiful apartment in Paris, but loves best his villa at Montone.

It is now his home, and he only leaves it for long motor tours in summer, or an occasional visit to the New World. He is proud of the terraces and the brick pergola he is constructing on the mountain side of his villa; here you have an enchanting view of a wrinkled, blue-satin sea, of the mole and the old town climbing up the hill.

It is easy to see what a pleasure it is for the master to talk Spanish, for, in the midst of our English winter colony, he does not understand our language, in spite of dazzling tours in the United States, where fame and honours were showered upon him. When his old friend Cunninghamham Graham appears at his luncheon parties it is great to hear the two writers talk in Spanish. They are thoroughly enjoying themselves as the marvellous macaroni goes round a second time and an amber, rather potent, Spanish wine marks the first of a series of wonderful vintage.

TWO FAMOUS AUTHORS.

For though Robert Cunninghamham Graham drinks nothing but cold water, Ibañez loves good cheer, and his parties, where you meet all the beauties and all the wits, and all the nationalities, are probably the most amusing in the whole Azur coast. Here, in his oak-panelled, crimson-hung dining-room, we have the human Blasco Ibañez talking, gesticulating, laughing heartily at his own excellent stories, sending round the wine, urging his guests to take a second helping.

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BRITAIN'S BIGGEST DOCK.

GLASGOW'S NEW VENTURE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 8. The Clyde Trustees have obtained Government assistance to provide a new dock at Glasgow. It will be the largest in Great Britain and will cost £2,000,000. The construction will commence immediately.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

SEEING THINGS.

LONDON, January 8. In an interview to-day, the Chinese Industrial Commissioner stated that he was greatly impressed with what he was seeing in England, and was especially grateful for the courteous way he had been received. To-day, he inspected the underground railway and took particular note of its developments and also the great improvements in motor transport. A reception given in his honour at the Legation was attended by prominent British and Chinese business men, and officials, including representatives of the Foreign Office.

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

PARIS, January 8. Mr. Dawes Young and the American members of the Experts Committee are enquiring into Germany's finances and have made a statement pointing out they have come as private citizens without preconceived plans and declaring that the committee's work should be conducted with all possible expedition.

TANGIER TREATY.

SPANISH CLAIMS.

BARCELONA, January 9. A hitch has revealed that negotiations regarding the Tangier Treaty are held up by the announcement that Gen. Primo De Rivera has sent a Note to the Franco-British Governments regarding the Spanish claims on Tangier. He expresses confidence that Britain and France will give favourable reception to the Note which is couched in moderate and cordial terms.

U.S.A. IMMIGRANTS.

PROBLEM OF SELECTION.

WASHINGTON, January 8. Replying to the question from the immigration committee, Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State stated that the establishment of a Government Inspection Service in foreign countries for the selection of immigrants would be difficult without new treaty agreements.—Reuter's American Service.

ATLANTIC STORMS.

SHIPS DELAYED.

NEW YORK, January 9. Storms delayed the arrival of at least seven liners. The "Majestic," due yesterday, with Sir Auckland Geddes and Sir Robert Home aboard, wireless that she struck the full force of the gale on January 5, and battled many hours. Moun-tainous seas forced the boat to slow down and she is now proceeding normally and expects to dock tomorrow at Key West. The Italian steamer "Rosario" from Port Arthur was ashore on the Florida reef but got off unassisted. The damage is unknown.—Reuter's American Service.

MEXICO MELEE.

REBELS TAKE OIL.

NEW YORK, January 8. The Pan-American Petroleum Transport Company announce that rebels are in possession of the Company's oilfields at Sierra Blanca and Chapapote, causing wells to close down.—Reuter's American Service.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

About 70,000 "quarter sacks" of American flour have arrived here by the s.s. "President Madison."

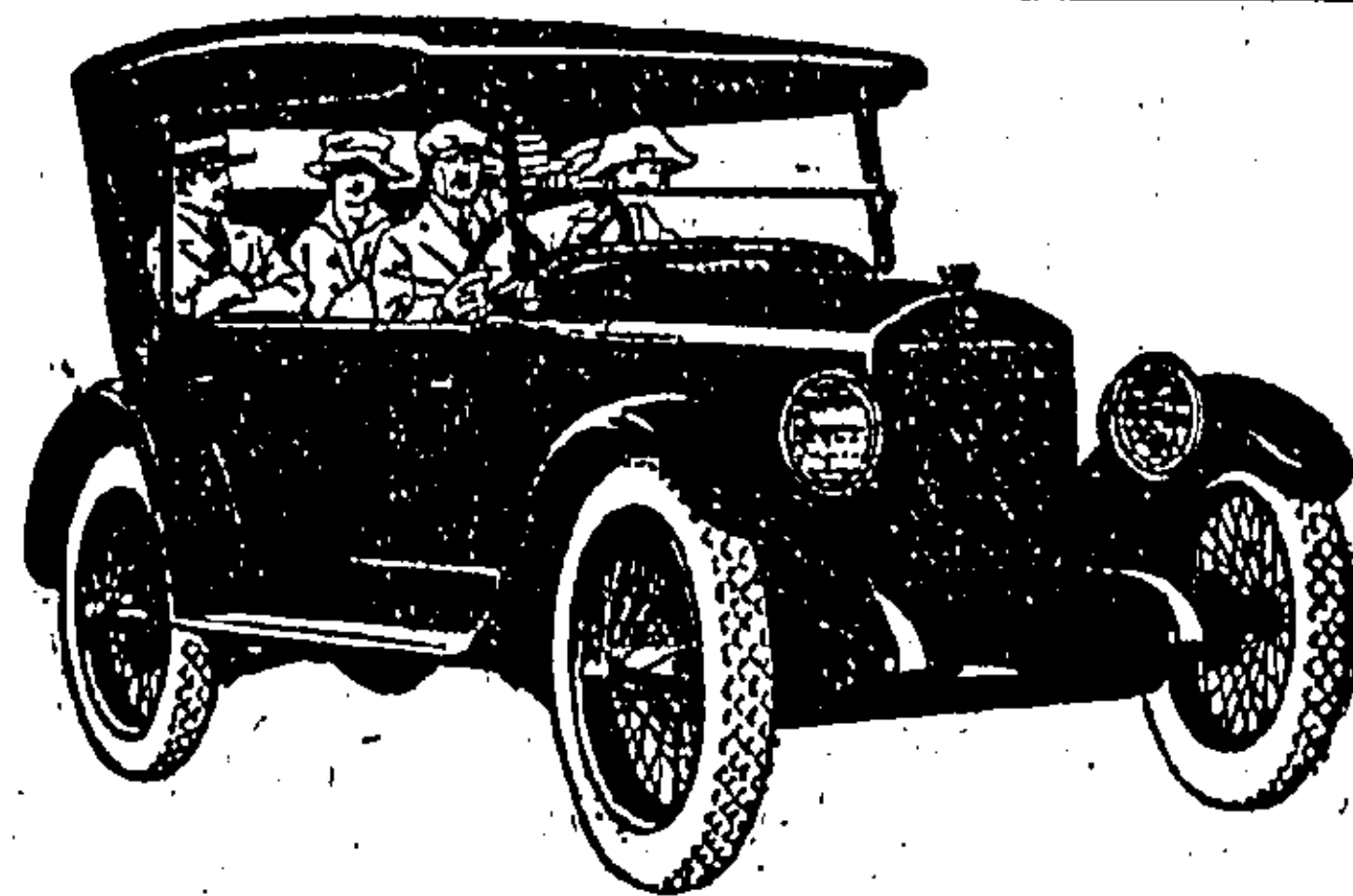
The announcement that an embargo will be put on the export of silver coins from Canton has caused an appreciable rise in the premium for Hongkong banknotes. Further increases are predicted. This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, are as follows:—Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$15.80; No. 24 fine white 16.03; No. 18 rough brown 15.00.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white; superior, old crop \$9.30; superior, new crop \$7.75; ordinary, old crop \$7.75. Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Day-ton \$2.78, Bantua 2.75, Kwan Tao 2.80, Sperry's XXX 3.60, Kingfisher 2.90, Malt 2.35, White Rose 2.78, C. & C. 2.35; Melon 2.85.

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POPULAR MOVIE STARS.

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This week's voting contest follows the new lines laid down last week. Competitors vote for the twelve best liked movie stars. They do not select from any given list, nor do they limit their choice to pictures shown in Hongkong. With \$50 waiting to be won, this is exciting enough; but the contest again has extra interest because the management of the Coronet Theatre, who are offering the prize again this week, announce that they will follow the voting in securing new pictures. Some one must win the \$50!—Why not you?

RULES FOR THE NEW CONTEST.

This week's contest is entirely different from the ones that have gone before. The new rules are as follows:—
Cut out the coupon given below.
Fill in the **TWELVE** best liked movie stars, male or female.
Send the coupon to the *China Mail* office marked "Vote."
You may send in as many coupons as you like.
Coupons must reach the *China Mail* office by Monday next.
Any coupons received by the *China Mail* later than Monday will be disqualified.
The result will be announced in the *China Mail* on Wednesday next week.
Members of the *China Mail* staff and employees of the Coronet Theatre are debarred from entering the contest.
The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

REACHING THE VERDICT.

Each star you name in your coupons will get points, according to the position you give, as follows:—

1	...	...	...	...	...	Twelve Points.
2	...	...	...	...	...	Eleven "
3	...	...	...	...	...	Ten "
4	...	...	...	...	...	Nine "
5	...	...	...	...	...	Eight "
6	...	...	...	...	...	Seven "
7	...	...	...	...	...	Six "
8	...	...	...	...	...	Five "
9	...	...	...	...	...	Four "
10	...	...	...	...	...	Three "
11	...	...	...	...	...	Two "
12	...	...	...	...	...	One "

Thus the star you put first get twelve points and the star you put last only one point.
The star polling the highest total number of points will rank first in the general verdict.
The star with the next highest total number of points will come second, and so on until the twelve stars have all been placed.

FINDING THE WINNER.

Each coupon sent in will then be checked over with the general verdict.
Every time you coupon has one of the twelve stars in the general verdict you will be awarded points.
These points will vary according to the position the star occupies in the general verdict and according to the position you give him or her in your coupon.
You will get twelve points if your coupon has the star who comes first in the general verdict.
If your coupon has this star correctly placed in the first position you will get 144 points (12×12).
If you have put the star second you will get 132 points (12×11); third 120 points (12×10); fourth 108 points (12×9); fifth 96 points (12×8); sixth 84 points (12×7); seventh 72 points (12×6); eighth 60 points (12×5); ninth 48 points (12×4); tenth 36 points (12×3); eleventh 24 points (12×2); and twelfth 12 points (12×1).
If your coupon includes the star coming second in the general verdict you will get eleven points, multiplied in exactly the same way as above according to the position you give the star in your coupon.
The same principle applies to every star in the general verdict down to the twelfth.
All your points will be added up, and the coupon with the highest number of points will win the prize.
This system was evolved by an eminent London firm of chartered accountants for the biggest contest of this kind ever held entailing over 6,000,000 votes.

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail,
Hongkong.
January 9, 1924.

Sir,

I consider the following the twelve best liked movie stars:—

Please write clearly in block letters.



Mrs. Richard W. Sudds

Instead of leaving his wife behind when he entered Penn State College, Richard W. Sudds, of Butler, Pa., took her along. It proved a wise move, for both have won honours. The husband stood at the head of the present junior class, with an average of 91.7 per cent, while the wife stands 15th in a class of more than 800. Both have been awarded Honour Society Council medals for the excellence of their work.



Violet Dickerson

Violet Dickerson, 19, of Philadelphia is held there without bail on the charge of shooting Louis Hirsch during an attempted street hold-up. The girl told a weird story of being under the hypnotic influence of her sweetheart, George Maxwell, in whose home she was captured.



Above is the most recent portrait of Thomas G. Masaryk, President of Czechoslovakia.

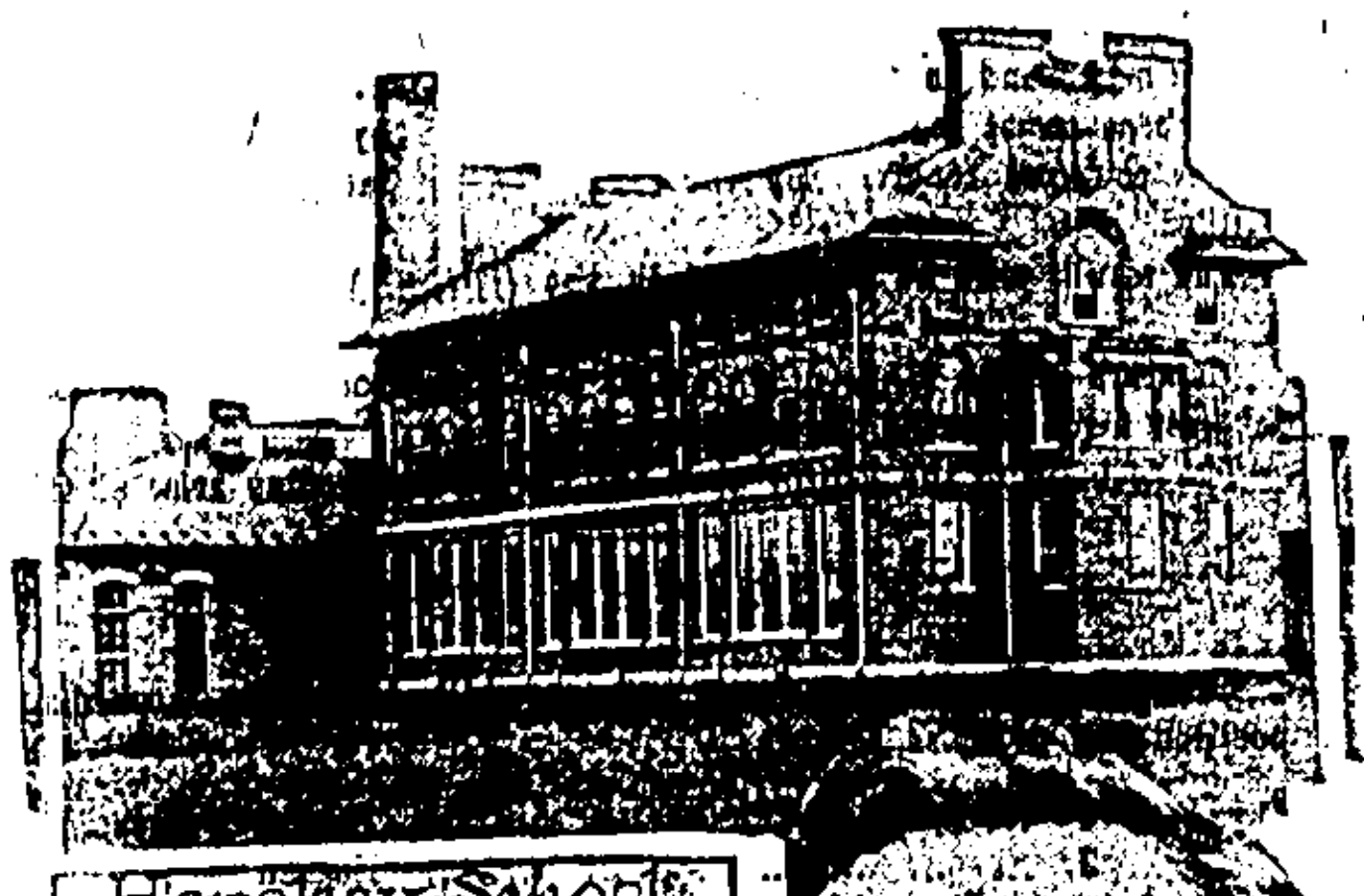


Miss Ethel Coleman is the first Lady Lord Mayor to be elected in England, taking up her duties in Norwich.



Mrs. Marie Weightman

A suit filed in Philadelphia by Mrs. Marie Campbell Paul Weightman against her husband, William Weightman, 34, 35-year-old grandson of the late William Weightman, once more brings into litigation the \$50,000,000 fortune built up by the founder of the chemical firm of Powers, Weightman & Rosengarten. Mrs. Weightman, who lives in Los Angeles, where she was formerly a motion-picture actress, charges that her husband has failed to contribute to her support since they were separated, in 1918, "without cause." She also charges that he bigamously married Lucy McCready, 17-year-old farmer girl at Oswego, N. Y., July 4, 1921. She calls Weightman a spendthrift.



Hershey School

Above is shown the main building of the orphan's Industrial School, Hershey, Pa., for the benefit of which Milton S. Hershey, "Chocolate King," has established a \$60,000,000 trust fund—his entire fortune. The first floor is used for classrooms, the second and third for dormitories and the basement for a gymnasium.



Mrs. Hershey



Rafael Schermann

Rafael Schermann, Viennese psychographologist, who has startled scientific men the world over by his remarkable reading of character and diagnosis of disease by looking at handwriting, went from New York to Boston to demonstrate his powers, but suffered a nervous breakdown and was compelled to cancel all his engagements.

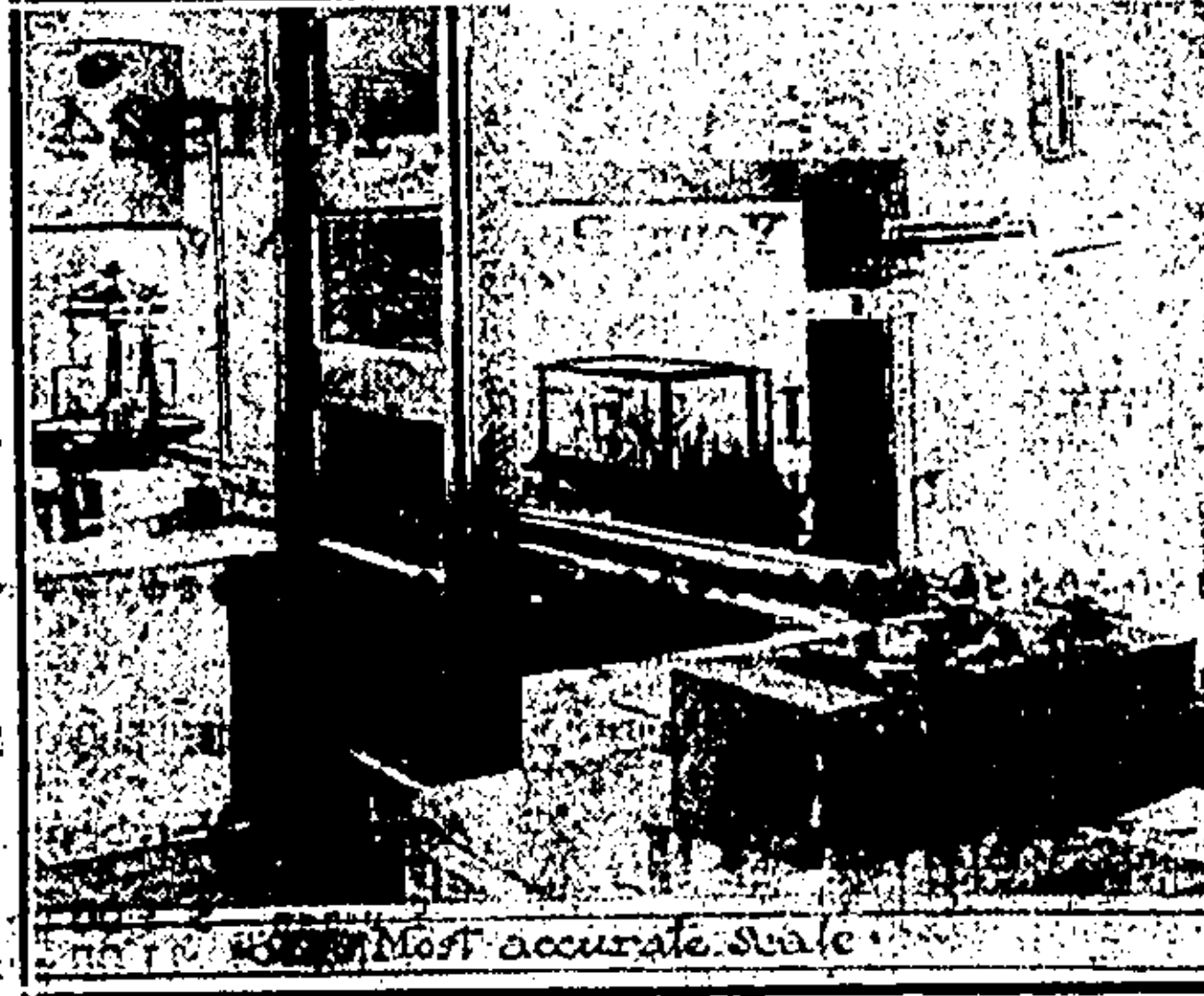


Roy Chapman Andrews

Roy Chapman Andrews, renowned scientist and explorer, leader of the American Museum of Natural History's expedition to the Gobi Desert, in China, declared upon his return to Seattle that his party had discovered in Asia, the "Paleontological Garden in Eden." As proof of his assertion that all life originated in Central Asia, he brought back 25 dinosaurs, said to be 10,000,000 years old. The skeleton of the newly discovered "beluchiteerium," or browsing rhinoceros, and one of a gigantic dog, with a 3-foot head and an 18-inch jaw, were also brought back for the New York museum.



Twelve-year-old Scott Phillips, of Toledo, O., has the distinction of being about the only boy who prefers to bake cakes and pies rather than play baseball. Ever since he was eight years old he has made the kitchen his playground and cooked pastries. Today he is the official champion cake baker (not eater) of northern Ohio.



What is believed to be the most accurate weighing machine in the world is high-precision balance in the Bureau of Standards, in Washington, capable of weighing with an accuracy of 1-1,000,000-fault. It is so susceptible to foreign influence that it is encased in glass and is operated by rods from another room, so as to avoid the disturbing influences caused by the heat from the operator's body.



World's largest microscope

What is said to be the largest microscope in the world has been completed by W. H. Reagon, of Los Angeles. It resembles a telescope more than a microscope. Little Marion Baker is shown here, with the builder, looking at a miniature picture through the instrument.



Robert J. Grant

Robert J. Grant, Superintendent of the Denver (Colo.) Mint, has been appointed by President Coolidge to be director of the United States Mint, taking the place of F. E. Scobey, who recently resigned.



Miss Mary B. Brossman

Miss Mary B. Brossman has been elected Judge of the Municipal Court in Cleveland, O. She will serve a six-year term.



M. Joseph Caillaux

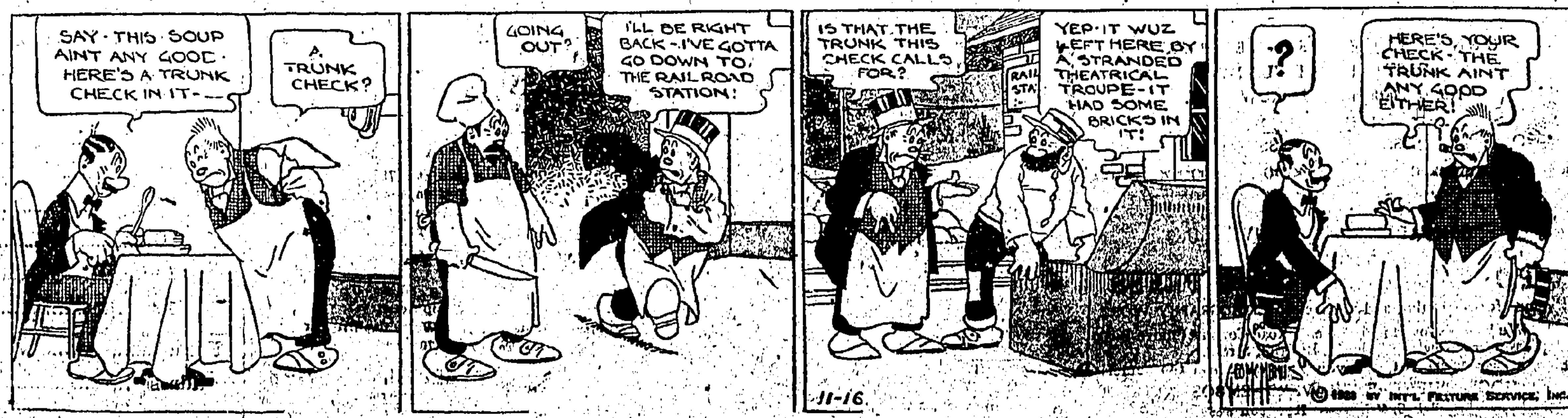
Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, exiled from Paris and other sections of France for his alleged trafficking with the enemy in the World War, has re-entered French politics in dramatic fashion. Addressing 400 of his followers at a banquet in Denain, one of the few towns he can enter, he planned a definite programme for the Left Wing of the Chamber of Deputies, when the latter shall oppose Premier Poincare at the coming elections. France, he said, was entitled to reparations and security from Germany, but that under the Poincare plan she would get neither.



Above are shown, just as they were found, eggs laid by a dinosaur 10,000,000 years ago in the Great Gobi Desert of China, according to Roy Andrews Chapman, head of the American Museum of Natural History expedition, which has just returned to the United States. Near these eggs, 25 in all, the expedition found fossilized skeletons of the dinosaur which probably laid them. Chapman, a noted scientist, believes that all life originated in Central Asia. This photograph is published by special arrangement with Asia Magazine and the American Museum of Natural History and Asia Magazine.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

Do you experience difficulty when reading at night?—If so you should consult an eye specialist. Then reading by lamplight will be a pleasure, not an infliction. Your sight is also protected. CHINESE OPTICAL CO. EXPERT OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTICIANS 47 Queen's Road Central.



FARTHER TELEGRAMS.

London Dock Fire.
The London Dock fire has been got under control. The damage is estimated at £100,000.

Later.
The London Dock fire was still burning this morning, but it is now well in hand.
The fire engines and a hundred firemen are still working, and it is hoped to suppress it by the afternoon.
The damage is now estimated at over £200,000. The fire engines are completely gutted. They were filled with rubber, and good and tin.

SHIPPING CONSTRUCTION.

London, January 7.
Lloyd's Register shows that reconstruction in Great Britain and Ireland on December 31 was 1,231,000 tons, compared with an average of 1,890,000 tons during the twelve months before the war. Vessels commenced numbered 214, while 114 were launched in the December quarter, compared with 111 and 66 respectively during the previous quarter. 892 vessels were actually under construction abroad, a decrease of 42 compared with October 30, 1923, while 217 were launched during the quarter. The latter total considerably exceeded the previous quarter and, in conjunction with the increase in British yards, appears to show a tendency towards improvement of conditions in the shipbuilding industry of the world.

AERONAUTICAL CONTEST.

Paris, January 7.
The Committee of the International Aeronautical Federation announce that the Schneider Cup plane contest will be held in the United States in 1923 (1924).

MR. ASQUITH ILL.

London, January 7.
Mr. Asquith, who has a chill, was unable to be present in the House of Commons to-day.

OBITUARY.

REAR-ADMIRAL HOLDER.

London, January 7.
The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Henry Lowe Holder, who entered the Navy in 1852 and served in the Russian War 1854-55 (Crimean and Turkish medals, Sebastopol Clasp, 5th class Med. Med.), Straits of Simonski 1864 (promoted and specially mentioned). Deceased was in his 69th year.

MR. C. T. WANG'S VISIT TO JAPAN.

Peking, January 8.
Interviewed by a representative of the Peking Daily News, Mr. C. T. Wang said that "several hundred Chinese were murdered during the earthquake, some of whom were killed by mistake but others were murdered either intentionally or because of hatred." Mr. Wang said he did not know what action the Government would take.
As regards the report that he went to Japan to negotiate with Japan regarding Russia, his business was to negotiate with Russia and not with Japan over Russia.

"HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHINA."

London, January 7.
In the so-called heavyweight championship of China, Kuntze Hansen knocked out "Silent" Linnott in the fourth round.
[Kuntze Hansen is 19 years of age and his weight is given as 220 lbs. "Silent" Linnott is a U.S. Marine stationed at Tientsin and weighs a trifle over 200 lbs.]

SENSATION IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, January 6.
The Korean attempt, combined with the recent attack on the Prince Regent, now indicates a decided movement against Imperialism and is causing a greater sensation than the earthquake.
It is revealed that a Korean plot was discovered recently in Shanghai to assassinate the Prince Regent on his wedding day.
Speculation is rife regarding the drastic measures to be taken to prevent fresh attempts, and sensational developments are expected.

WHAT TO DO FOR A COLD.

Take a hot bath at bed-time and a small dose of Pinkettes, then cover up warmly and go to sleep. You'll feel ever so much better in the morning.



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EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

HOME NOTES.

Wembley, November 20.

There is to be shown at the British Empire Exhibition some very beautiful timber, from the very best of Africa, which is practically unknown in England. This exhibit will be shown by the East African group of colonies and protectorates which stretch from the desert Nile to the Great Lakes. The East African group has decided to erect an Arab building in which to show the products and the scenery of the Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius, and other places.

The Malaya Pavilion, which is now well on the way toward completion, will have a popular appeal to all interested in naval affairs. It will contain large models of Singapore harbour, the new causeway connecting Singapore Island with the peninsula, and the new port of Penang.

Malaya is going in exclusively for models. There will be models of mines and mining machinery and specimens of ore which gives the world one-third of its tin supply. The same region supplies half the world's rubber, the whole story of which will be told in specimens, demonstrations, and pictures. The coconut industry and agricultural resources will also be shown.

The Pavilion to house the exhibits will be in the Moorish-Arabesque style of Malaya, and will cover 32,000 square feet. It will have special sections devoted to agriculture, mines, commerce, scenery, arts and crafts and forestry. The production of gutta percha and resin will be shown as well as native silverwork, basketry and silk work.

The Straits Settlements, Malay States and the unfederated dependencies will all take part, and Sarawak is to build a pavilion of its own nearby which will be a replica of the residence of the Rajah Brooke.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland published—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Peak	1774
Mountain Lodge	1725
Yan Yee	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filled)	393
MAINLAND.	
Yaimo Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1871
Lion Rock	1645
Shatin Pass	1400
Canton Pass	780
Wai Pak	724

Ticking Throat

Did you ever have that nerve-racking experience caused by a bit of mucus or phlegm that stubbornly refuses to be dislodged, but tickles and stings until you sometimes almost strangle? Just a few drops of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, swallowed very slowly and allowed to glide down the throat will stop that tickle and at once give you immense relief. Try it that way for Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. 3-B Malacca St. Singapore Road, Singapore.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Jan. 9. 10h. 43m.—Pressure has decreased considerably at Wladivostok and moderately from Chofoo to Shanghai. It has increased moderately over Tongking and slightly from Hongkong to Formosa.

The anticyclone has weakened considerably. It now probably takes the form of a belt of high pressure from the Yangtze Valley to mid-Japan.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.01 inches, against an average of 0.31 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 10, 1924.
1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh.
2.—South coast of China between Formosa and Amoy, N.E. winds, moderate, fine.
3.—Hongkong to G. Rock, N.E. winds, moderate, fine.
4.—South coast of China between Hainan and Hainan, N.E. winds, moderate, fine.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 9, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Bar.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Wind Force.	Remarks.
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